Foreign aid for banned organisations

525. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banned organisations in sensitive areas of the country continue to receive foreign aid on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details of (i) the banned organisations found to be recipients of foreign aid; (ii) the estimated annual foreign aid received by these organisations; (iii) the source of their funding; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check their anti-India activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Government does not have any reports about organisations, declared as 'Unlawful association' under the Law, continuously receiving foreign aid on large scale. However, there have been reports, from time to time, of the flow of illegal funds to various secessionist and militant organizations including banned organizations through clandestine channels. The Government and the security agencies are continuously making efforts to contain such possibilities through sustained vigilance and operations against various secessionist and militant organisations in different parts of the country.

Jail reforms

526. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to revamp prison administration and bring Jail refomrs and also to replace Prison Act, 1894;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) 'Prisons' being State subject, it is primarly for the State Governments to run prison administration according to their rules, regulations and jail manuals. The Central Government, State Governments and various organisations are presently interacting on the possible content of a Bill to cover changes on various aspects of prison administration.

स्वीकृत एस टी डी/सार्वजनिक पब्लिक बूथों (पी सी ओ) की राज्य-वार संख्या

527. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में अब तक राज्य-वार कितने एस टी डी/सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन बूथ (पी सी ओ) स्वीकृत किये गये हैं;

(ख) इस एस टी डी/सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन बूथों से वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया;

(ग) क्या उपर्युक्त मामलों में से कोई राजस्व चोरी के मामले भी सरकार के ध्यान में लाए गए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा) (क) सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ख) से (घ): सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होते ही सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

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Losses to NTC

528. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total accumulated loss of NTC mills so far;

(b) the main reasons for such losses;

(c) the fresh measures have been taken to off set the losses; and

(d) the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) The accumulated loss incurred by NTC mills as on 31.3.96 is Rs. 4682 crores. (provisional)

(b) The NTC has been incurring losses mainly due to obsolete machinery, excess manpower, low productivity, lack of working capital etc.

(c) and (d) The Government have placed before the BIFR a modernisation plan for NTC mills, involving, modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs. 2005.72 crores restructing 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. Pending the approval of package by the BIFR, Government is meeting the shortfall faced by NTC in payment of wages / salaries to avoid any hardship to the workers.

Telephone Connections for Mini Telephone Exchanges in Rural Areas

529. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections required for Mini Telephone Exchanges in rural areas; and

(b) whether Government propose to open a Mini Telephone Exchange in Narsapet village areas of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) As per the policy of the Department, a mini telephone exchange in rural areas is planned to be opened at a place when the registered paid demand reaches 10 or more.

(b) No, Sir, as no registered paid demand exists at Narsapet village of Andhra Pradesh.

Improvement in Postal Services

530. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to improve the postal services in every State;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard in Orissa during 8th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of the programme drawn up in that regard in 9th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Post